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Manhattan Project park planning committee visits Los Alamos

For over a decade, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Park Service, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, state and local governments and other stakeholders, pursued the possibility of including DOE's most significant Manhattan Project properties within a Manhattan Project national park. After numerous studies and several draft bills, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015, which included provisions authorizing the park. President Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act into law on December 19, 2014.

Recently, members of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park joint National Park Service-Department of Energy field team visited Los Alamos for meetings and tours to some of the sites that are part of the Los Alamos portion of the new park.

Native American Economic Summit was a success

The recent Native American Economic Summit gave participants opportunities to network, share success stories and set strategic goals.

Panel sessions covered topics such as government contracting, financing options and programs that assist small businesses. The American Indian Chamber of Commerce partnered with the New Mexico Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration to recognize the state's business owners and key executives for outstanding achievements and contributions.

Numerous high school and college students attended the Youth Impact Initiative, hosted during the Native American Economic Summit. The events were held in collaboration to bring students and professionals together for mentorship, learning and networking opportunities.

The students attended sessions on financial literacy, leadership, entrepreneurship and professional development. Four student teams competed in the Shark Tank Challenge, a business/service plan competition modeled after the popular *Shark Tank* TV show.

Laboratory giving supports United Way of Northern New Mexico grants

More than half of the \$600,000 that United Way of Northern New Mexico (UWNNM) recently awarded to 25 nonprofit organizations through its Community Action Fund was raised by Los Alamos National Laboratory employees last fall and matched by Los Alamos National Security, LLC.

UWNNM's 2015 funding focuses on the areas of mental wellness, youth development and mentorship, basic need assistance, Alzheimer support and rehabilitation services.

To select recipients, the Community Action Fund Grant Committee, which consists of UWNNM board members and community members who donated to the Community Action Fund, sends its recommendations to the UWNNM Board of Directors.

New "Science on the Hill" column in *Santa Fe New Mexican*

The *Santa Fe New Mexican* newspaper has introduced a new monthly "Science on the Hill" column that highlights the wide-ranging and cutting-edge research of Los Alamos National Laboratory scientists. The column will be published on the second Monday of the month in the paper's Science section.

Thirteen area students receive Oppenheimer memorial scholarships

Thirteen students from Pojoaque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos were selected by the J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee as scholarship recipients.

Among other milestones, the awards highlight outstanding promise in science and mathematics; outstanding promise in the arts and sciences; outstanding academic achievement; and demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the basic or applied physical sciences, life sciences or math or computer science. Two scholarships were awarded in memory of Nicholas Metropolis, a Los Alamos physicist who participated in the Manhattan Project. An additional two awards were presented for unusual qualities of creativity and scholarship.

Since the memorial scholarships were created in 1984, more than \$390,000 in scholarships have been conferred to 190 students. The committee also sponsors the Oppenheimer Memorial Lecture annually.

Book Fair proceeds benefit Paws and Stripes

More than \$1,600 in donations raised during this spring's Laboratory book fair will benefit Paws and Stripes, an organization that assists U.S. military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Debbi Wersonick and Mike Martinez of the Laboratory's Community Programs Office presented a check to Paws and Stripes staff members and Parker the dog.

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